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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**MAIL STOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 18, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.